



THE LIGHTHOUSE SHOP AND KITCHEN OPENS IN d3

Introducing a new concept store where new and exclusive design brands are available alongside a relaxed dining experience

UAE - Dubai, 17th January 2017: The Lighthouse, a new concept store and kitchen offering a curated selection of food and design, is now open in the Design Quarter at Dubai Design District (d3). A broad range of design and gifting items including lifestyle and tabletop accessories, glass and serveware, books and papeterie for adults and children are available at the store. The kitchen offers a menu designed by Chef Izu Ani and inspired by the Mediterranean.

A nod to one of The Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, the Lighthouse of Alexandria, the name, according to Founder Hashem Montasser and co-Founder Hany Bassiouny “was inspired by Virginia Woolf’s seminal novel ‘To the Lighthouse’ and her Bloomsbury Group fellows who met over “lingering breakfasts” and “painting lunches,” an indication of how central fresh, well prepared dishes were to the way the group socialized — a principal tenet of The Lighthouse’s philosophy.”

The Lighthouse, designed by Anne and Alexandra Cantacuzene from Dubai-based AAC Interiors, has an airy indoor and outdoor space where guests can enjoy breakfast, lunch, dinner or an after work aperitivo. Its brand identity, using the Fresnel lens as a design reference, was created by graphic and type designer Lara Assouad.

Chef Izu and his team bring their expertise to The Lighthouse kitchen, which will be open from 8 a.m. daily. The Lighthouse bakes all its bread in house and offers a selection of broad viennoiserie including freshly baked croissants, brioche and danish. Some of its signature dishes include spicy shakshouka, sea bream carpaccio, grilled lamb cutlets and baked sea bass with ras el hanout and harissa wrapped in vine leaves. For dessert, guests will be in a quandary between the *Popelinis*, the passion fruit and yuzu cheesecake or the apple and olive oil cake served with homemade malt ice cream.

The space is designed to offer guests an inspiring daytime venue, inviting them to enjoy a coffee, meal or bring their laptops and work on the mod-inspired Beetle Chairs by Danish furniture maker Gubi. In the evenings, the mood is set with nu-disco lounge music mixed by Mykonos icon and Solymar guest **DJ John Hanlidis** for an eclectic crowd to enjoy an aperitivo at the mezze bar.

Home to more than 30 international names, The Lighthouse features many iconic design brands including **Alcarol** (Italy), a design duo that makes resin-dipped wood furniture; **SIWA** (Japan) and its minimal cases made out of Washi paper; **HAM** (UK), chronicling the life of a rabbit through mugs, wall stickers and stationery; **Miller Goodman** (UK), specializing in the wooden Facemaker and Shapemaker puzzles; **MoMA Design Store** (USA), the world renowned museum gift shop; **Maison Baluchon** (France) with its whimsical lifestyle accessories and **Skogsberg & Smart** (Sweden), whose glassware is produced in Bohemia by artisanal glassblowers.

Mohammad Saeed Al Shehhi, COO of Dubai Design District, commented: “We’re delighted to welcome The Lighthouse to the d3 community. Bringing unique retail concepts such as these to Dubai Design District is

instrumental in our vision of creating a design destination and thriving creative community and we wish The Lighthouse every success.”

Located at the corner of Building 6, with a view of the Downtown Dubai skyline, The Lighthouse kitchen serves food all day, and operates a ‘walk-in’ policy starting 8 a.m. while the store is open daily from 10 a.m. till 10 p.m.

For more information, contact The Lighthouse on +971 (0) 4 4226 024 or visit www.thelighthouse.ae.

Find The Lighthouse on Instagram for a taste of what’s to come: @TheLighthouse_AE or Facebook @TheLighthouseAE.

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For The Lighthouse, curation is about surrounding yourself with objects that embrace all the senses and invariably prompt a gasp of delight. As a result, all of the products have been hand-picked by the team following the principles of minimalism, timelessness and functionality with the majority of them sold exclusively in Dubai at The Lighthouse.

Notes to editor:

With a rotating collection of design brands from across the world, including some exclusively stocked in Dubai by The Lighthouse, browse design pieces that are not just iconic, but come with provenance. The light and airy space has indoor and outdoor seating where guests can enjoy a daily breakfast, lunch and dinner menu created by Chef Izu Ani and inspired by the freshness of the Mediterranean cuisine with its triad; olives, grapes and wheat. It’s also a place where you can enjoy those early evening drinks with an expertly picked selection of wines, beers and signature cocktails.

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